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SUBJECT: JAPANESE STAND ON COCOM

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1) JAPAN TIMES ARTICLE UNQUESTIONABLY REFLECTS THE RITUAL RESPONSE OF POLITICAL LEVELS IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY WHICH IS GIVEN WHENEVER JAPANESE ATTITUDES TOWARD COCOM ARE REQUESTED. INDEED, THE SENSITIVITIES OF THE MATTER IN DOMESTIC PUBLIC OPINION AND LAW ARE SUCH THAT ANY OTHER ANSWER THAN A CALL FOR ELIMINATION OF EMBARGOES WOULD BE SURPRISING. TOKYO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY BE ABLE TO CONFIRM OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE ARTICLE

GREW FROM AN INQUIRY BY A REPORTER FOLLOWING STORIES THAT COCOM IS DUE FOR A PERIODIC LIST REVIEW IN OCTOBER. SIMILAR ARTICLES PRECEEDED 1971 LIST REVIEW.

- 2) WE HAVE NOT COUNTED, BUT IT IS LIKELY THAT AMONG THE MORE THAN 40 REVISION PROPOSALS FIELDED IN COCOM THUS FAR BY THE GOJ, TWENTY MAY BE FOR DELETION BUT MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, NONE HAVE BEEN MADE FOR ELIMINATION OF ALL CONTROLS.
- 3) PENDING DIFFERING ANALYSIS BY TOKYO, DEPARTMENT REGARDS THE ARTICLE AS TYPICAL TO NORMAL PRE-LIST REVIEW PERIOD WHEREIN LARGE NUMBERS OF GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY PERSONNEL

ARE ENGAGED IN AN ACTIVITY WHICH THE NON-TRADE PRESS
DOES NOT UNDERSTAND BUT SEEMS TO THINK IT WORTHY OF SOME
SORT OF MENTION. COMMUNIST MEDIA HAVE IN PAST USUALLY
RE-TRANSMITTED ARTICLES ON COCOM FROM WESTERN PRESS. INGERSOLL

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